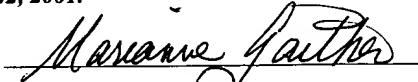




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2. Our check in the amount of **\$514.00** (including the **Missing Parts surcharge of \$65.00** and
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 501329. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

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- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$94.
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